BEFORE THE OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS STATE OF CALIFORNIA

In the Matter of:

SALINAS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT,

v.

PARENT ON BEHALF OF STUDENT.

OAH CASE NO. 2013070582

ORDER GRANTING DISTRICT PEREMPTORY CHALLENGE

On November 7, 2013, the Salinas Union High School District, through counsel, filed with the Office of Administrative Hearings a peremptory challenge seeking to disqualify Administrative Law Judge (ALJ) Adeniyi Ayoade from hearing this case.

Government Code section 11425.40, subdivision (d), establishes the criteria for disqualification of the presiding officer. A party is entitled to one peremptory challenge (disqualification without cause) to an ALJ assigned to an Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) hearing. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 1, § 1034, subds. (a) & (b); Gov. Code, § 11425.40, subd. (d).) In no event will a peremptory challenge be allowed if it is made after the hearing has commenced. In addition, if at the time of a scheduled prehearing conference, an ALJ has been assigned to the Hearing, any challenge to the assigned ALJ shall be made no later than commencement of that prehearing conference. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 1, § 1034, subd. (c).) A peremptory challenge is not allowed on reconsideration or remand, and cannot be made after a hearing has begun. (Cal. Code Regs., tit. 1, § 1034, subd. (a).)

District's peremptory challenge is timely made and is granted pursuant to Government section 11425.40, subdivisions (a) and (d), and California Code of Regulations, title 1, section 1034, subdivision (c).

ORDER

- 1. District's challenge of ALJ Adeniyi Ayoade is granted.
- 2. All dates previously set in this matter will remain on calendar.
- 3. ALJ Margaret Broussard is now the assigned hearing judge in the case...

/s/

TIMOTHY L. NEWLOVE Presiding Administrative Law Judge Office of Administrative Hearings